

instruction to be given; providing for the instruction of all students of such college in military science and for the military discipline of all students; conferring upon the board of directors of said college the right of eminent domain; making necessary appropriations for the location, establishment and maintenance of said college, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 2:43 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 13, Providing for joint meeting of Committees on Education.

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:55 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 14, Granting Hon. William N. Bonner, judge of the Thirtieth Judicial District of Texas, leave of absence from the State during vacation of his court,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:55 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

### THIRTIETH DAY.

(Saturday, February 17, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Beason.
Baker.	Bedell.
Beard of Harris.	Bell.
Beard of Milam.	Bertram.
Beasley.	Blackburn.

Blackmon.	Neill.
Blalock.	Nichols.
Bland.	O'Banion.
Bledsoe.	O'Brien.
Boner.	Osborne.
Brown.	Parks.
Burton of Rusk.	Peddy.
Burton of Tarrant.	Peyton.
Butler.	Pillow.
Cadenhead.	Poage.
Canales.	Pope.
Carlock.	Raiden.
Cates.	Reeves.
Clark.	Richards.
Cope.	Robertson.
Cox.	Roemer.
Crudgington.	Rogers.
Davis of Dallas.	Russell.
Davis of Van Zandt.	Sackett.
De Bogory.	Sentell.
Denton.	Schlosshan.
Dodd.	Scholl.
Dudley.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Smith of Hopkins.
Fairchild.	Smith of Scurry.
Fisher.	Spencer of Nolan.
Fitzpatrick.	Spencer of Wise.
Florer.	Spradley.
Fly.	Stewart.
Greenwood.	Taylor.
Haidusek.	Templeton.
Hardey.	Terrell.
Harris.	Thomas.
Hawkins.	Thomason of El Paso.
Hill.	Thomason of Nacogdoches.
Holland.	Thompson of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Thompson of Red River.
Johnson.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Tilson.
Lange.	Traylor.
Lanier.	Tschoepe.
Lee.	Upchurch.
Lindemann.	Valentine.
Low of Washington.	Veatch.
McComb.	Wahrmund.
McCoy.	Walker.
McDowra.	White.
McFarland.	Williams of Brazoria.
McMillin.	Williams of McLennan.
Martin.	Williford.
Meador.	Wilson.
Mendell.	Woods.
Metcalfe.	Woodul.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.
Miller of Dallas.	
Moore.	
Morris.	
Murrell.	
Neeley.	

Absent.

Lacey.	Strayhorn.
Seawright.	

## Absent—Excused.

Bryan.	Monday.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
Hartman.	Schlesinger.
Jones.	Swope.
Laney.	Tinner.
Lowe	
of McMullen.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain.

## LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Bryan, for today, on motion of Mr. Beard of Milam.

Mr. Laney, for today, on motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas.

Mr. Swope, for today, on motion of Mr. Holland.

Mr. Schlesinger, Mr. Nordhaus and Mr. Hartman, for today, on motion of Mr. Scholl.

Mr. Monday, for today, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Lowe of McMullen, for today, on motion of Mr. Woodul.

Mr. Sallas and Mr. Bryant, for today, on motion of Mr. Moore.

Ed Graham, Calendar Clerk, was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of sickness:

Mr. Jones, for today, on motion of Mr. Martin.

Mr. Tinner, indefinitely, on motion of Mr. Russell.

Mr. Davis of Grimes, for today, on motion of Mr. Neeley.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 707, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6654, Title 115, Chapter 15 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding to the twelve numbered subdivisions thereof subdivision 13, so as to define the term railroad station with obliga-

tions incident thereto, and to provide that station limits now existing or hereafter established shall not be changed except on order of the Railroad Commission, and to empower the Railroad Commission of Texas to fix, enlarge, or diminish the limits of railroad stations within this State, and to require that station service, terminal service or switching service be given within said limits, and to prescribe the charges to be demanded and collected for such service, and to make or change rates or charges with respect to stations; restricting the operation of this act to the movements of freight wholly within the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Common Carriers.

By Mr. Roemer (by request):

H. B. No. 708, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Seadrift Independent School District in Calhoun county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Fly, Mr. Bryan, Mr. McMillin and Mr. Miller of Dallas:

H. B. No. 709, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4808a of Chapter 5 of Title 71 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas as the same was enacted under Section 2 of Chapter 149 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature of the State of Texas pertaining to the payment of a funeral benefit by mutual assessment accident insurance companies, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Clark:

H. B. No. 710, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Erath county, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Fisher, Mr. Miller of Dallas, Mr. Bagby, Mr. Holland, Mr. Beard of Harris and Mr. Swope:

H. B. No. 711, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for marking the birthplace of Sam Houston in such way as the Governor may determine to be appropriate, and to authorize the Governor to cause the place to be marked, and to make appropriations to carry out

the purposes of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Lange and Mr. Martin:

H. B. No. 712, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2858, Article 2859 and Article 2860 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 so as to provide for the manner of holding an election for the levying, the continuance or the discontinuance of local school taxes in independent districts incorporated for school purposes only."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Cope:

H. B. No. 713, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 22, Chapter 1, of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State by amending Articles 762 and 774 so that Article 762 shall hereafter provide in substance that any incorporated city, town or village in this State containing 750 inhabitants or over, including those incorporated under Chapter 14 of said Title 22 and other laws, general and special, may accept the provisions of Title 22 relating to cities and towns, in lieu of any existing charter, by a two-thirds vote of the council of such city, town or village; providing when such action by the council may be taken and the method of recording same and proceeding to effectuate the same and declaring other provisions with reference thereto but which are not different from said article as it now exists except the population named is changed from 1000 inhabitants or over to 750 inhabitants or over; and by amending Article 774 so as to make the limit of population therein contained 750 inhabitants or over instead of 1000 inhabitants or over, but in no other respect changing said Article 774, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 64, to Committee on Private Corporations.

S. B. No. 113, to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

S. B. No. 216, to Committee on Judicial Districts.

S. B. No. 284, to Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 336, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 349, to Committee on Judicial Districts.

S. B. No. 305, to Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted

H. C. R. No. 15, Relating to the replacing of the chandeliers in the House and Senate. The following committee has been appointed on the part of the Senate:

Senators Lattimore and Bailey.

The Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 305, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in counties named, so as to exclude Pecos county, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 598, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Stephenville, in Erath county, Texas, to be known as the John Tarleton Agricultural College; providing for the government and control of said institution, providing for the acceptance of donations of lands, buildings and money offered by the citizens of Stephenville and Erath county; providing for a students' loan fund, and defining the leading objects and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given in said college, and conferring upon the board of directors of said college the right of eminent domain, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,  
Secretary of the Senate.

#### BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Yantis, it was ordered that House bill No. 706 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, it was ordered that House bill No. 638 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 81 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Cates, it was ordered that House bill No. 690 be not printed.

#### BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. McFarland, it was ordered that House bill No. 541, reported unfavorably, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Terrell, it was ordered that House bill No. 662, reported unfavorably, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Dallas, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 13, reported unfavorably, be printed.

#### MOTION TO SET SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Tilson moved that House bill No. 10 be set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. next Tuesday, February 19.

The motion was lost.

#### SPECIAL ORDER SET.

Mr. Peyton moved that House bill No. 118 be set as a special order for 10 o'clock a. m. next Friday, February 23.

The motion prevailed.

Mr. Mendell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was set as a special order, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### TO PROVIDE FOR INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. O'Banion offered the following resolution:

Whereas, On the 14th day of February, A. D. 1917, a resolution was introduced in the Senate of the Thirty-fifth Legislature presenting certain grave and serious charges against His Excellency, Governor James E. Ferguson, to wit:

1. That the campaign expenses of the Governor were paid by certain private interests.

2. That the Governor has misapplied certain funds of the State of Texas appropriated for the purchase of lands for the penitentiary system.

3. That the Governor has acted con-

trary to the Constitution and has violated the spirit and letter of the law and Constitution in allowing and creating certain deficiencies for his own use.

4. That the Governor is seeking to inject politics into the management of the State University and eleemosynary institutions of this State by placing said institutions under the supervision and control of certain boards dominated and influenced by the said Governor.

5. That the Governor through his influence and prominence as Chief Executive of this State has caused a certain State official to desist in the performance of his duty and to violate the oath of his office so as to render said official subject to removal from his official position.

6. That the Governor has violated the banking laws of this State in that he borrowed from a certain State bank funds in excess of those allowed by law; and

Whereas, The said charges were made against the Governor by a member of the Senate of the Thirty-fifth Legislature in a simple resolution as aforesaid; and

Whereas, The Governor did on that occasion appear before the Senate and enter his denial to each of said charges so made against him in said resolution, and did on said occasion request a full and complete investigation, of the charges so made; and

Whereas, The Senate deemed the matter set forth in said resolution, if true, would be ground for impeachment and should originate in the House of Representatives, and did table said resolution; and

Whereas, The said charges so made against the Governor being of such grave and serious nature have cast a reflection upon the honesty, integrity and good name of the Chief Executive and have caused a blot upon the fair name of the State of Texas; and

Whereas, The said charges so made against the Governor, if untrue, should be branded as malicious falsehoods and the author thereof held to account for the most infamous and pernicious charges ever made against man and as an attempt to heap ruin upon this great Commonwealth of Texas;

Now, therefore, believing in justice to our Chief Executive of this grand State and in response to the demands of every true, loyal and patriotic citizen that the name of Texas should remain pure and spotless; be it



Resolved, In the cause of honesty, justice, fairness and truth to all parties and to all officers, and to the end that the highest office in the gift of our people and the occupant thereof should not be allowed to rest under the imputed guilt of charges not investigated but tabled, that a full, complete and impartial investigation be made by the House of Representatives of the charges so made against the Governor of this State, and as to the acts and conduct of the party or parties making said charges and to secure this end a committee of seven shall be selected by the Speaker from this House; said committee to select one of its members as chairman and one as secretary, and shall have the power and authority to employ such clerks and stenographers as may be deemed necessary and the authority to call upon the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives to enforce its orders and for service of process. That said committee be and is hereby vested with all powers now vested in the district courts of this State to the end that it shall have the power to issue process, summon witnesses to take and have taken depositions in such manner and in accordance with such rules as the said committee may prescribe, to compel the production before it of any books, papers or documents for the procuring of evidence. That each member of said committee be and is hereby vested with the power to administer oaths and said committee shall have power to take and keep a record of any and all transactions which come under its observations during said investigation. That the sessions of said committee shall be open and it is hereby authorized to sit and hold its sessions at any place within the State of Texas for the purpose of securing and taking such testimony of the witnesses as can be procured to be brought before it at the Capitol of the State, or which may be inaccessible to the committee without such sittings at other points than the Capitol. That each member of said committee shall have the right, and it is hereby made the duty of said committee to interrogate any and all witnesses which may be brought before it to develop the full truth and all the facts related to the investigation in hand.

That said committee shall establish whatever rules and regulations it may

see fit to procure evidence and to obtain the facts seeking to throw light upon the investigation, regardless of the usual rules of evidence. The report of said committee shall contain a correct and accurate stenographic transcript of all proceedings had in and before the said committee giving questions, answers, objections to the evidence, rulings thereon, names of parties and disposition thereof, and also an accurate and correct copy of all documentary evidence offered or used in evidence before said committee, including the transcript and the entries in all books or accounts showing or throwing light on any of the transactions under investigation, and such report shall be recorded at length in the Journal of the House, together with such recommendations as the committee or any members thereof shall see fit and proper to make to the House.

All witness fees, mileage and all other expenses of said committee to be paid out of the contingent fund of the House upon accounts duly approved by the chairman of said committee.

The resolution was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Fly, further consideration of the resolution was postponed until 2 o'clock p. m. next Monday, February 19.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 65, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the owning, or operating, or the being interested in the owning, or the operating of any pool hall, or billiard hall, or any pool table or billiard table, for profit within the State of Texas."

C. S. S. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for State-wide tick eradication throughout the State of Texas, and to provide for the expenses of conducting the work in the several counties; to prescribe penalties for violations of this act and to provide process to compel compliance by the commissioners courts and the members thereof with the provisions of this act, and of orders and regulations of the State of Texas Live Stock Sanitary

Commission, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

# MOTION TO RECONSIDER VOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 50 TABLED.

Mr. Carlock called up; for consideration at this time, the motion to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 50 was passed on Wednesday, February 14, which motion to reconsider was on that day duly spread upon the Journal, due notice having been given that the motion would be called up for consideration at this time.

Question—Shall the motion to reconsider prevail?

On motion of Mr. Carlock, the motion to reconsider was tabled.

# SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 108, to Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

S. B. No. 65, to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 21 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its final passage,

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals and the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals and of the district courts of this State, and declaring an emergency."

With amendment by Mr. Robertson and amendment by Mr. Bledsoe and others to the amendment and substitute by Mr. Thomason of El Paso for the amendment to the amendment, pending.

Mr. Blalock moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the substitute for the amendment to the amendment, yeas and nays were demanded.

The substitute was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—73.

Baker.	Morris.
Beard of Milam.	Murrell.
Beasley.	Neill.
Bedell.	Osborne.
Bell.	Peddy.
Bertram.	Peyton.
Blackburn.	Poage.
Blackmon.	Raiden.
Blalock.	Reeves.
Boner.	Richards.
Burton of Rusk.	Roemer.
Butler.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Canales.	Smith of Bastrop.
Cope.	Smith of Hopkins.
Cox.	Spencer of Nolan.
Crudgington.	Spencer of Wise.
Davis of Dallas.	Stewart.
Dodd.	Taylor.
Dudley.	Templeton.
Dunnam.	Thomas.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Harris.	of El Paso.
Hawkins.	Thomason
Hill.	of Nacogdoches.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Johnson.	of Hunt.
Laas.	Thompson
Lange.	of Red River.
Lanier.	Tilson.
Lee.	Traylor.
Lindemann.	Upchurch.
McComb.	Veatch.
McCoy.	White.
McDowra.	Williams
McMillin.	of Brazoria.
Meador.	Williford.
Metcalfe.	Woods.
Moore.	Woodul.

Nays—30.

Bagby.	O'Banion.
Beard of Harris.	O'Brien.
Bland.	Parks.
Brown.	Pillow.
Carlock.	Pope.
De Bogory.	Robertson.
Denton.	Sackett.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fisher.	Scholl.
Fly.	Sholars.
Haidusek.	Terrell.
Hardey.	Tillotson.
Holland.	Tschoepe.
Low	Valentine.
of Washington.	Wahrmond.
Martin.	Walker.
Mendell.	Williams
Miller of Austin.	of McLennan.
Miller of Dallas.	Wilson.
Neeley.	Yantis.
Nichols.	

Present—Not Voting.

Beason.

Spradley.

## Absent.

Bledsoe.	Florer.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lacey.
Cates.	McFarland.
Clark.	Monday.
Davis	Seawright.
of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Strayhorn.
Fitzpatrick.	

## Absent—Excused.

Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Bryant.	Sallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Schlesinger.
Jones.	Swope.
Laney.	Tinner.
Lowe	
of McMullen.	

## Paired.

Mr. Russell (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Hartman (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Thomason of El Paso moved to reconsider the vote by which the previous question was ordered.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Question recurring on the motion for the previous question, it was lost.

Question next recurring on the amendment to the amendment as substituted, it was adopted.

Question then recurring on the amendment as amended, it was adopted.

Mr. Cope moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment as amended was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Mr. Veatch offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 21, page 1, Section 1, lines 18 and 19, by striking out "thirty-six hundred (\$3600) dollars" and insert in lieu thereof "thirty-three hundred (\$3300) dollars."

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the amendment was lost by the following vote:

## Yeas—34.

Beard of Milam.	Davis of Dallas.
Beasley.	Davis
Beason.	of Van Zandt.
Bertram.	Dodd.
Boner.	Hill.
Burton of Rusk.	Lee.
Butler.	McDowra.
Cadenhead.	Murrell.
Cox.	Neill.
Crudgington.	Osborne.

Peddy.	Trayler.
Peyton.	Upchurch.
Raiden.	Veatch.
Sentell.	Williford.
Smith of Hopkins.	Wilson.
Taylor.	Woods.
Terrell.	Yantis.
Tilson.	

## Nays—76.

Bagby.	Morris.
Baker.	Neeley.
Beard of Harris.	O'Banion.
Bell.	O'Brien.
Blackburn.	Parks.
Blackmon.	Pillow.
Blalock.	Poage.
Bland.	Pope.
Bledsoe.	Reeves.
Canales.	Richards.
Carlock.	Robertson.
Cope.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Russell.
Dudley.	Sackett.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fisher.	Scholl.
Fly.	Sholars.
Greenwood.	Smith of Bastrop.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Hardey.	Spencer of Nolan.
Harris.	Spencer of Wise.
Hawkins.	Stewart.
Holland.	Templeton.
Hudspeth.	Thomas.
Johnson.	Thomason
Laas.	of El Paso.
Lange.	Thomason
Lanier.	of Nacogdoches.
Lindemann.	Thompson
Low	of Hunt.
of Washington.	Thompson
McComb.	of Red River.
McCoy.	Tillotson.
McFarland.	Tschoepe.
McMillin.	Wahrmund.
Martin.	Walker.
Meador.	White.
Mendell.	Williams
Metcalfe.	of Brazoria.
Miller of Austin.	Williams
Miller of Dallas.	of McLennan.
Moore.	

## Present—Not Voting.

Spradley.

## Absent.

Bedell.	Florer.
Brown.	Hartman.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lacey.
Cates.	Nichols.
Clark.	Rogers.
Denton.	Seawright.
Dunnam.	Strayhorn.
Estes.	Valentine.
Fitzpatrick.	Woodul.

## Absent—Excused.

Bryan.	Monday.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
Jones.	Schlesinger.
Laney.	Swope.
Lowe	Tinner.

of McMullen.

(Mr. Spradley in the chair.)

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Section 1 by adding after the word "installments," in line 19, the following: "Provided that district judges in counties having a population of one hundred thousand and containing a city of seventy-five thousand, and which said judges are also acting as members of a juvenile board, shall not receive from all sources a salary of more than \$4500 per year."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption by striking out "Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, judges Courts Civil Appeals."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Carlock moved the previous question on the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—71.

Bagby.	Hudspeth.
Baker.	Laas.
Beard of Harris.	Lange.
Bell.	Lindemann.
Blackburn.	Low
Blackmon.	of Washington.
Bland.	McComb.
Bledsoe.	McCoy.
Canales.	McFarland.
Carlock.	McMillin.
Cope.	Martin.
De Bogory.	Mendell.
Denton.	Metcalf.
Dudley.	Miller of Austin.
Dunnam.	Miller of Dallas.
Fairchild.	Moore.
Fisher.	Morris.
Florer.	Neeley.
Fly.	O'Brien.
Greenwood.	Parks.
Haidusek.	Pillow.
Hardey.	Poage.
Harris.	Pope.
Hawkins.	Richards.
Holland.	Robertson.

Roemer.	Thompson
Sackett.	of Hunt.
Schlosshan.	Thompson
Scholl.	of Red River.
Smith of Bastrop.	Tillotson.
Smith of Scurry.	Tschoepe.
Spencer of Nolan.	Wahrmund.
Stewart.	Walker.
Templeton.	White.
Thomas.	Williams
Thomason	of Brazoria.
of El Paso.	Williams
Thomason	of McLennan.
of Nacogdoches.	Woodul.

## Nays—38.

Beard of Milam.	O'Banion.
Beasley.	Osborne.
Bertram.	Peddy.
Blalock.	Peyton.
Boner.	Raiden.
Burton of Rusk.	Reeves.
Butler.	Rogers.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Cox.	Smith of Hopkins.
Crudgington.	Spencer of Wise.
Davis of Dallas.	Terrell.
Davis	Tilson.
of Van Zandt.	Traylor.
Dodd.	Upchurch.
Hill.	Veatch.
Lanier.	Williford.
Lee.	Wilson.
McDowra.	Woods.
Meador.	Yantis.
Neill.	

## Present—Not Voting.

Beason.	Spradley.
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## Absent.

Bedell.	Johnson.
Brown.	Jones.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lacey.
Cates.	Nichols.
Clark.	Seawright.
Estes.	Sholars.
Fitzpatrick.	Strayhorn.

## Absent—Excused.

Bryan.	Monday.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Davis of Grimes.	Sallas.
Laney.	Schlesinger.
Lowe	Tinner.

of McMullen.

## Paired.

Mr. Murrell (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Valentine (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Russell (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Hartman (absent), who would vote "yea."



Mr. Taylor (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Swope (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Thomason of El Paso moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that all bonds issued under and by virtue of the Federal Farm Loan Act approved by the President of the United States July 17, 1916, shall be lawful investment for all fiduciary and trust funds and may be accepted as security for all public deposits where deposits of bonds or mortgages are authorized by law to be accepted; declaring such bonds lawful investment for all funds which may be lawfully invested by guardians, administrators, trustees and receivers, for saving deposits of State banks, for banks, savings banks and trust companies chartered under the laws of Texas, for all insurance companies chartered or transacting business under the laws of Texas where investments are required or permitted, and providing that where such bonds are secured by notes or other obligations the payment of which is secured by mortgage, deed of trust or other valid lien upon real estate situated in this State, then that such bond or bonds shall be regarded for investment purposes by insurance companies as Texas securities, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 598, "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Stephenville, in Erath county, Texas, to be known as the John Tarleton Agricultural College;

providing for the government and control of said institution, providing for the acceptance of donations of lands, buildings and money offered by the citizens of Stephenville and Erath county, providing for a students' loan fund, and defining the leading objects and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given in said college, and conferring upon the board of directors of said college the right of eminent domain, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 479, "An Act enlarging and establishing the Liberty Independent School District, in Liberty county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 161, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the control of municipal elections in cities and towns of this State located in counties having more than 130,000 population according to the last Federal census by the use of money; and to regulate and limit the expenditure of money to influence the result of such elections, and providing penalties for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### CONGRATULATING MR. SMITH OF BASTROP.

Mr. Davis, of Dallas offered the following privileged resolution:

Whereas, The current issue of the Elgin Courier contains the following: "J. O. Smith Suffers from Son Stroke.—Just as Alexander the Great was interrupted in the midst of one of his greatest battles to receive the announcement of the coming of a son and heir to his throne, so Representative J. O. Smith, who had run over from his duties of shouldering the legislative responsibilities of the mighty State of Texas, to look after the placing of the big Linotype machine in the Courier office, and while at the most interesting period of the erection of this masterpiece of modern printing

machinery on Wednesday evening, he was summarily ordered to his home by Dr. Auler, the occasion being the arrival of a big ten-pound boy," therefore, be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the State of Texas that we tender to our respected and distinguished fellow member and Mrs. Smith our sincere congratulations and hereby express the wish that this latest addition to the Smith family may grow up to be a useful and honored citizen of Texas, and that this new son will always stand at the top of the column next to pure reading matter, and that he be christened Fuller Smith.

Signed—Davis of Dallas, Estes, Burton of Tarrant, Fitzpatrick, Mendell, McFarland, Boner, Yantis, Spencer of Wise, Wilson, Cates.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### RECESS.

Mr. Dudley moved that the House adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. next Monday.

Mr. Cope moved that the House recess until 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion to recess prevailed, and the House, accordingly, at 12:10 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

(Mr. Fairchild in the chair.)

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 404 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 404, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Board of Regents of the University of Texas to empower the Treasurer of the State of Texas to collect the income of any part of its property; to collect the principal on bonds or other evidences of indebtedness committed to him under the terms of this act when due and to reinvest the same in bonds under the direction of the said Board of Regents, to substitute income from proceeds of sale of lands for the income from the lands sold; to make leases of lands belonging to the said University of Texas; to authorize the said Board of Regents of the said University

of Texas to issue and sell certificates or orders upon such income and interest thereon, prescribing the contents and effect thereof; providing for the purposes for which the money so secured may be used; providing that receipt of money therefrom shall estop the said Board of Regents from disputing the validity thereof; giving the Board of Regents option to purchase bonds similar to that given in Article 2740, Revised Statutes, 1911; providing for suit to test the validity thereof and that decision therein shall be res adjudicata; for the purchase thereof by the State Board of Education and by State banks, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having been read second time on Tuesday, February 13, and Mr. Robertson at that time having offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 404 by adding Section 9 1-2 as follows:

"Section 9 1-2. The proceeds of sale of said certificates shall be expended as herein fixed for the University of Texas at Austin and Galveston. This bill shall not affect the right of any branch of said University to any portion of the land belonging thereto after such certificates have been paid."

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

(Speaker in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Robertson, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. next Tuesday, February 20.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. J. R. No. 31, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 5 thereof, pertaining to the judicial department of the State of Texas, fixing the date for the election to be held hereunder and making an appropriation to pay expenses of said election.

The resolution having been read second time on Wednesday, February 14, and Mr. Davis of Van Zandt having offered the following amendment to the resolution at that time:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31, page 1, lines 33 and 34, Section 3, by striking out the words and figures "five thousand dollars (\$5000) and until



otherwise provided by law," and inserting in lieu thereof "seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7500) and no more."

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

Mr. Davis of Van Zandt then withdrew the amendment.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum pending consideration of the resolution, and the call was duly seconded.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll and note the absentees.

The roll was called, and the following members were reported absent:

Messrs. Bagby, Beard of Harris, Bland, Brown, Burton, Cates, Fitzpatrick, Greenwood, Lacey, Lange, Lindemann, Nichols, Richards, Schlosshan, Seawright, Sholars, Smith of Bastrop, Strayhorn, Thomas, Thomason of Nacogdoches, Tillotson, Upchurch, Valentine, Wahrmond and Walker.

Pending the call of the House, the following members came in and were marked present:

Messrs. Bagby, Beard of Harris, Nichols, Lacey, Tillotson, Thomason of Nacogdoches.

(Mr. Dunnam in the chair.)

Mr. Carlock offered the following amendments to the resolution:

(1)

In Section 1, line 15, after the word "including," add the following: "Courts of justice of peace and."

(2)

In Section 2, line 20, after the word "and," add the word "to."

(3)

On page 1, Section 3, in line 29, in lieu of the word "forty," substitute "thirty-five."

(4)

At the end of Section 3, page 2, line 9, add the following: "The Supreme Court shall hold its sessions in the State Capitol at the city of Austin."

(5)

In Section 4, on page 2, at the beginning of line 14, add the following: "and other inferior courts."

(6)

In Section 4, page 2, line 36, after the word "year," add the following clause: "unless otherwise provided by law."

(7)

In Section 4, page 2, line 38, after the word "residence," add the following: "The number of county judges in any county may be increased or diminished by law. Provision may be made by the Legislature for two or more counties to unite in the election of a county judge to serve for their respective counties under such regulations as may be prescribed by law."

(8)

In Section 5, page 3, line 4, after the word "connected," add the words "with him."

(9)

In Section 6, on page 3, at line 21, after the word "qualified," add the following: "and shall receive such compensation as the law may provide."

(10)

In Section 6, page 3, line 24, after the word "State," add the following: "or as may be hereafter prescribed by law."

The amendments were severally adopted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend by striking out Sections 4, 6 and 9.

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Fisher offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31 by striking out all the words in line 2, page 4, after the numerals "1917," and all of lines 3, 4 and 5 on page 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

"At said election the vote shall be by official ballot, which shall have printed, or written, at the top thereof in plain letters the words 'Official Ballot.'"

"Said ballot shall have also written,

or printed, thereon the words 'For the amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution,' and the words 'Against the amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution.'

"All voters favoring said proposed amendment shall erase the words 'Against the amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution,' by making a mark through same, and those opposing said proposed amendment shall in like manner erase the words 'For the amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution.'"

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dodd offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31 by striking out the words "until otherwise provided by law," in line 34, Section 3, and inserting the words "and no more."

The amendment was lost.

Mr. Williford offered the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31 by adding at the end of Section 4 thereof the following: "The grand jury in the county court shall be composed of twelve men; in all felony cases the petit jury shall be composed of twelve men, and a verdict in such case can be rendered only when concurred in by the entire jury. It shall require twelve men to constitute a jury in said court in such other cases as may be provided by law, and in such case the jury can render a verdict only when concurred in by as many as nine of said jury; and when concurred in only by nine of the jury each said juror so concurring shall sign the verdict. In such other case in said court as the Legislature may prescribe the jury may be composed of a less number of men than twelve."

Signed—Williford, Holland and Beason.

(Mr. Fisher in the chair.)

Mr. Carlock offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend House Joint Resolution No. 31 by adding at the end of Section 4 thereof the following: "Grand and petit juries in county courts shall be composed of twelve men; but nine members of a grand jury shall be a quorum to transact business and present bills. In trials of civil cases, and in trials of criminal cases below the grade of felony in the county courts, nine members of the jury concurring may render a verdict, but when the verdict

shall be rendered by less than the whole number, it shall be signed by every member of the jury concurring in it. When, pending the trial of any case, one or more jurors, not exceeding three, may die, or be disabled from sitting, the remainder of the jury shall have the power to render the verdict; provided, that the Legislature may change or modify the rule authorizing less than the whole number of the jury to render a verdict."

(Speaker in the chair.)

The substitute was adopted.

Question recurring on the amendment as substituted, it was adopted.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend caption and bill by striking out everything in both, except that which applies to establishment of a "Supreme Court."

(Mr. McMillin in the chair.)

Mr. Rogers moved the previous question on the amendment, and the resolution and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Question next recurred on the resolution.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the resolution was passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—80.

Bagby.	Hardey.
Baker.	Hawkins.
Beard of Milam.	Hill.
Beasley.	Holland.
Beason.	Johnson.
Bedell.	Laas.
Bell.	Lacey.
Bertram.	Lee.
Blackmon.	Low
Blalock.	of Washington.
Bland.	McFarland.
Boner.	McMillin.
Butler.	Meador.
Cadenhead.	Metcalfe.
Canales.	Miller of Austin.
Carlock.	Miller of Dallas.
Clark.	Moore.
Crudgington.	Morris.
Davis of Dallas.	Neeley.
Davis of Grimes.	Neill.
Davis	Nichols.
of Van Zandt.	O'Banion.
De Bogory.	O'Brien.
Dudley.	Osborne.
Fairchild.	Parks.
Fisher.	Peddy.
Florer.	Pillow.
Fly.	Poage.

Pope.	Thomason
Robertson.	of Nacogdoches.
Rogers.	Thompson
Sackett.	of Hunt.
Sentell.	Tillotson.
Scholl.	Tschoepe.
Smith of Hopkins.	Veatch.
Smith of Scurry.	White.
Spencer of Nolan.	Williams
Spencer of Wise.	of Brazoria.
Spradley.	Williford.
Stewart.	Wilson.
Templeton.	Woods.
Terrell.	Woodul.
	Yantis.

## Nays—27.

Beard of Harris.	Murrell.
Blackburn.	Peyton.
Burton of Rusk.	Raiden.
Cope.	Reeves.
Cox.	Roemer.
Dodd.	Russell.
Dunnam.	Taylor.
Harris.	Thomason
Hartman.	of El Paso.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
McComb.	Tilson.
McDowra.	Trayler.
Martin.	Williams
Mendell.	of McLennan.

## Present—Not Voting.

Denton.

## Absent.

Bledsoe.	Schlosshan.
Brown.	Seawright.
Burton of Tarrant.	Sholars.
Cates.	Smith of Bastrop.
Estes.	Strayhorn.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomas.
Greenwood.	Upchurch.
Lange.	Valentine.
Lindemann.	Wahrmund.
McCoy.	Walker.
Richards.	

## Absent—Excused.

Bryan.	Monday.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Jones.	Schlesinger.
Laney.	Swope.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	

Mr. De Bogory moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 412, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Jefferson Independent School District, in Marion county, Texas, providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district, and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of this State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 574, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of an act creating the Jourdanton Independent School District in Atascosa county, Texas, being Chapter 79 of the Thirty-second Legislature of Texas, increasing the territory of said district; to amend Section 8 of said act, providing for the appointment of an assessor and collector for said district; to amend Section 23 of said act providing for the appointment of a board of equalization and prescribing its powers and duties; to amend Section 24 of said act regulating the time of payment of taxes, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 576, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 24 and 25 of an act of the Legislature of Texas, approved March 24, 1911, and entitled 'An Act creating a more efficient road system for Anderson county, Texas, etc.'"

H. B. No. 469, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish Common School District No. 4 in San Patricio county, Texas; extending its boundaries so as to include certain lands heretofore in Common School District No. 1 of said county; providing that such parts of Common School District No. 1 of San Patricio county as may hereafter be included in Common School District No. 4 shall continue to be subject to taxation for the payment of principal and interest of any common school district schoolhouse bonds that may have heretofore been issued by Common School District No. 1, and remaining unpaid; conferring upon the board of county



trustees the power to subdivide said district, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 36, page 359, of Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, approved March 15, 1909, entitled 'An Act to validate the Wichita Falls Independent School District,' and for other purposes, by repealing the last clause of Section 10 of said act, which limits the powers and discretion of the board of equalization of said independent school district in the performance of its duties, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate concurs in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 61 by vote of 17 yeas, 5 nays.

Respectfully,

JOHN D. McCALL,

Secretary of the Senate.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Dudley moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—71.

Baker.	Miller of Austin.
Beason.	Morris.
Bedell.	Murrell.
Blackmon.	Neeley.
Bland.	Neill.
Burton of Rusk.	Nichols.
Butler.	O'Banion.
Canales.	O'Brien.
Carlock.	Osborne.
Cox.	Peyton.
Crudgington.	Pillow.
Davis	Poage.
of Van Zandt.	Raiden.
De Bogory.	Reeves.
Denton.	Robertson.
Dodd.	Roemer.
Dunnam.	Russell.
Fisher.	Sackett.
Fly.	Scholl.
Hardey.	Smith of Scurry.
Harris.	Spencer of Nolan.
Hartman.	Spencer of Wise.
Hawkins.	Spradley.
Hill.	Taylor.
Holland.	Templeton.
Hudspeth.	Thomason
Laas.	of Nacogdoches.
Lacey.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Red River.
Lee.	Tillotson.
McComb.	Trayler.
McFarland.	Tschoepe.
Meador.	Walker.
Mendell.	White.

Williams	Woods.
of McLennan.	Woodul.
Williford.	Yantis.
Wilson.	

Nays—36.

Bagby.	Martin.
Beard of Harris.	Metcalf.
Beard of Milam.	Miller of Dallas.
Beasley.	Moore.
Bell.	Parks.
Bertram.	Peddy.
Blackburn.	Pope.
Blalock.	Rogers.
Boner.	Sentell.
Cadenhead.	Smith of Hopkins.
Clark.	Stewart.
Cope.	Terrell.
Davis of Dallas.	Thomason
Dudley.	of El Paso.
Johnson.	Thompson
Low	of Hunt.
of Washington.	Tilson.
McCoy.	Veatch.
McDowra.	Williams
McMillin.	of Brazoria.

Present—Not Voting.

Davis of Grimes.

Absent.

Bledsoe.	Richards.
Brown.	Schlosshan.
Burton of Tarrant.	Seawright.
Cates.	Sholars.
Estes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fairchild.	Strayhorn.
Fitzpatrick.	Thomas.
Florer.	Upchurch.
Greenwood.	Valentine.
Lange.	Wahrmund.
Lindemann.	

Absent—Excused.

Bryan.	Monday.
Bryant.	Nordhaus.
Haidusek.	Sallas.
Jones.	Schlesinger.
Laney.	Swope.
Lowe	Tinner.
of McMullen.	

The House, accordingly, at 4:20 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.

Committee Room;

Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Agriculture,

to whom was referred House bill No. 699, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. White has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BELL, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 14, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 605, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Templeton has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 600, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

HARDEY, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 308, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 322, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report

it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 690, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 290, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

THOMASON of Nacogdoches, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 81, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

CANALES, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 604, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Woodul has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WAHRMUND, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Military

Affairs, to whom was referred House bill No. 683, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Woodul has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

WAHRMUND, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 264, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 660, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 265, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 14, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 675, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

LOW of Washington, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: -Your Committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 668, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

LOW of Washington, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 648, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Moore has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 684, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Miller of Dallas has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 691, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

NEILL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue  
and Taxation, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 607, have had the same  
under consideration and I am instructed  
to report it back to the House with the  
recommendation that it do pass. Mr.  
Williams of Brazoria has been appoint-  
ed to make a full report thereon.

NEILL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue  
and Taxation, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 701, have had the same  
under consideration and I am instructed  
to report it back to the House with the  
recommendation that it do pass, with  
amendment. Mr. Williams of Brazoria  
has been appointed to make a full re-  
port thereon.

NEILL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue  
and Taxation, to whom was referred  
House bill No. 694, have had the same  
under consideration and I am instructed  
to report it back to the House with the  
recommendation that it do pass.  
Mr. Hawkins has been appointed to  
make a full report thereon.

NEILL, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Af-  
fairs, to whom was referred House bill  
No. 235, have had the same under con-  
sideration and I am instructed to re-  
port it back to the House with the  
recommendation that it do not pass.

HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 16, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on State Af-  
fairs, to whom was referred House bill

No. 662, have had the same under con-  
sideration and I am instructed to re-  
port it back to the House with the rec-  
ommendation that it do not pass. Mr.  
Meador gave notice of a minority report.  
HAWKINS, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and  
Stock Raising, to whom was referred  
Senate bill No. 108, have had the same  
under consideration and I am instructed  
to report it back to the House with the  
recommendation that it do pass, with  
amendments. Mr. Metcalfe has been ap-  
pointed to make a full report thereon.  
McFARLAND, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EN- GROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed  
Bills have carefully examined and com-  
pared

H. B. No. 64, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to amend Chapter 68 of the  
Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature  
and Chapter 154 of the Acts of the Thir-  
ty-third Legislature, and to provide that  
sand and other deposits taken for the  
raising of the grade of the salt flats in  
the northern part of Corpus Christi and  
the lowlands lying north of the north  
boundary line of the city of Corpus  
Christi, in Nueces county, Texas, shall  
be exempt from the provisions of said  
Chapter 68, and declaring an emer-  
gency."

H. B. No. 461, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act creating the Georgetown Inde-  
pendent School District in the county of  
Williamson, State of Texas, etc., and de-  
claring an emergency."

H. B. No. 573, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act creating a more efficient road  
system for Dickens county, Texas, and  
making county commissioners ex-officio  
road commissioners of their respective  
precincts, and prescribing their powers  
and duties as such, etc., and declaring  
an emergency."

H. B. No. 593, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act amending Chapter 74 (Senate

bill No. 349) Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, correcting field notes so as to make same identical with field notes of Common School District No. 5 of San Patricio county, Texas, as created by the commissioners court of said county May 13, 1902, and recorded in Volume 2, page 439, of the minutes of said court; and validating bonds issued by Common School District No. 5 of San Patricio county, Texas, and declaring same a legal and binding obligation outstanding against Mathis Independent District as hereinafter defined and described by metes and bounds, and declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore levied, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 670, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and creating the Knippa Independent School District of Uvalde county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 608, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Chireno Independent School District in Nacogdoches County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 624, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Abernathy Independent School District situated in Hale and Lubbock counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 610, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of House bill No. 647, Chapter 136, of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature relating to Tarrant county road system; providing for the raising of the salaries of county commissioners of said county from \$2000 to \$2400 per annum, and making it the duty of said commissioners to furnish their own conveyance while performing the duties of road commissioner and defray the expense of upkeep of same."

H. B. No. 612, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road, bridge and culvert system for Houston county; to create the office of road superintendent, etc., and providing for an emergency."

H. B. No. 536, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a new road law for Travis county."

H. B. No. 653, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special road law for Cherokee county, and providing for levying and collecting a road tax, authorizing the commissioners court of said county to employ road superintendents

and laborers on the public roads thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

And find them correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 479, "An Act enlarging and establishing the Liberty Independent School District, in Liberty county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 598, "An Act to establish a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas at Stephenville, in Erath county, Texas, and to be known as the John Tarleton Agricultural College; providing for the government, and control of said institution; providing for the acceptance of donations of lands, buildings and money offered by the citizens of Stephenville and Erath county; providing for a students' loan fund, and defining the leading objects, and prescribing generally the nature and scope of instruction to be given in said college, and conferring upon the board of directors of said college the right of eminent domain, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 3 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

McCOY, Chairman.

#### THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

(Monday, February 19, 1917.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)